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## Subcommittee Agenda

### Research

Thursday, March 7, 2013

1. Develop a concise description of each subcommittee. With all of the new members coming on we want to clearly define for them what the subcommittees do. Currently, ISAC doesn't have a written description of each subcommittee. However, there are basic descriptions provided in the National Management Plan and on the NISC website. I am asking each subcommittee to provide a short description of what the subcommittee does that we can put into a permanent document that describes all of the subcommittees. All ISAC members will be given the subcommittee document at the next meeting so we all have a good understanding of the work we do. Please use the following as a starting point and develop a short description of the subcommittee.

Here is what I have for Research & Information Management, this is taken from the NISC website:

*Research provides the basis for invasive species action. Challenges which seem impossible to overcome today may be solved in the future by new technologies - but only if we protect resources that we have now. For example, development of new plant cultivars that retain valuable horticultural characteristics and also exhibit "non-invasive" attributes reduce the likelihood of undesired spread. Many NISC members' agencies conduct research on invasive species that is reported in a wide variety of technical journals.*

In addition to a description of the subcommittee, please provide a list of any activities that the subcommittee is working on or planning to work on in the coming year.

2. We are beginning to undertake a new ISAC effort, the one I mentioned in my earlier message. I am asking ISAC to develop a series of invasive species "stories" that will help us take our message to elected officials, policy makers and others. Specifically, we are looking for two types of stories; success stories and threat stories.

- Success stories - these are examples of where we can document an effort that has made a difference. These stories will be of great help in explaining to leaders why investing in invasives makes good sense. I am pretty confident that we can come up with a couple of stories in each of the major subcommittee areas (prevention, control & management, EDRR, etc.)
- Threat Stories - these are the stories that illustrate the significance of the threat. Hopefully we will be able to identify good stories that illustrate both the economic and ecological threats.